

Schedule

Friday, April 1

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6:00 – 7:00	Dinner prepared and served by local restaurant	
7:00 – 9:00	Futures Game - Explore how regional conditions and local decisions can shape long-term economic, environmental, and community well-being. Simulation facilitated by Dan Clark, Executive Director of the Local Government Center	
Saturday,	April 2	
8:30 – 8:45	Welcome - Mary Sexton, DNRC Director	
8:45 – 9:00	Future Forecasting for Community Forests: Asset or Liability? Dan Clark, Local Government Center	
9:00 – 10:00	Resources Available through DNRC Dan Rogers, Jamie Kirby & Dave Jones - DNRC	
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
10:15 – 11:00	Flirting with Trouble: Trees and Power Lines Don't Mix Scott Bernhardt & Levi Arnio; NorthWestern Energy Aborists	
11:00 – 12:00	Why You Should Listen for Signs that Trees Eventually Fall in the Forest Alan Hulse & Dan Clark –Risk Management, Policies and Duties to Maintain	
12:00 – 12:45	Lunch provided by local restaurant	
12:45 – 1:30	Sightseeing	
1:30 – 2:00	Turning Over a New Leaf Kathy O'Hern – Composting Ideas for Communities	
2:00 – 2:15	Townsend Community Story	
2:15 – 2:30	Shelby Community Story	
2:30 – 2:45	Choteau Community Story	
2:45 - 3:45	How to Stay Out of Jail While Serving on a Board Dan Clark & Alan Hulse – Engagement, Transparency and Governance	
3:45 – 4:00	Questions & Answers	

Evaluations and Adjournment

4:00

Speakers at the Small Town Tree Board Retreat in Choteau April 1st and 2nd

Dan Clark

Serving in Montana since 1997, Dan Clark now works as the Director of Montana State University's Local Government Center. The Center's purpose is to provide research, training and technical assistance to Montana's local government units. Prior to Dan's work at the Center, he served as the Statewide Director for the Montana Horizons program addressing issues of poverty by developing community capacity and leadership in 35 rural Montana communities. Dan also served as the Mayor of the City of Choteau, Montana where he facilitated a unique blend of education, leadership and public policy. Concurrent to his service as Mayor, Dan worked for nine years as an MSU Extension Educator in Teton County. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's Degree from the University of Arizona in Agricultural Education and taught high school agriculture prior to joining Extension.

Alan W. Hulse

With a BA in Organization Communications from the University of Montana, Alan has spent the last 19 years working on Risk Management and Claims issues for Montana Municipalities, including law enforcement, public works, parks & recreation, infrastructure, contracts, special events and personnel. Alan is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority.

Kathy O'Hern

Kathy is a certified Compost Operation Manager and has been involved in large-scale compost operations for nearly 15 years. Her main focus has been composting food residuals, manures, wood waste and, most recently, animal mortalities. She now serves the State of Montana as an Environmental Science Specialist for the Department of Environmental Quality.

Levi Arnio

Originally from Wall, South Dakota, Levi graduated from Northern State University of South Dakota with a Bachelors of Science in Biology and Environmental Science. Currently Levi is employed in the Technician Vegetation Management Division at NorthWestern Energy and serves as a Utility Arborist for the western side of the service territory in Montana. He holds a Montana state pesticide applicators license and is a Certified Arborist/Utility Specialist with the International Society of Arboriculture.

Scott Bernhardt

Manager of the Northwestern Energy's Vegetation Management Division, Scott grew up on a family farm west of Billings Montana. He has been employed in the vegetation management arena for the past 23 years with Montana Power and now NorthWestern Energy. Scott is currently responsible for a 107,000 square mile service territory in Montana. He is a licensed commercial applicator with the State of Montana and is a Certified Arborist with the International Society of Arboriculture.

Lodging and Dining

Four motels in Choteau have provided special rates for the retreat. The Stage Stop Inn will reserve a block of rooms and discount the rates by 20%. The rate for a single room is \$61.60 and the double is \$64.80. A continental breakfast is included in addition to access to the swimming pool and hot tub. The Gunther Motel, Big Sky Motel and the Bella Vista charge \$47.29 for a single room and \$56.39 for a double. Tax is in addition to all rates.

For more information and pictures, go to http://www.choteaumontana.com and http://russell.visitmt.com

Choteau Stage Stop Inn, 1005 Main Avenue North, Choteau, MT 59422 Toll Free: 888-466-5900, http://www.stagestopinn.com, stageinn@3rivers.net

Bella Vista Motel, 614 North Main Avenue, Choteau, MT 59422, Phone: 406-466-5711

Gunther Motel, 32 7th Avenue SW, Choteau, MT 59422, Phone: 406-466-5444

Big Sky Motel, 209 South Main Avenue, Choteau, MT 59422, Phone: 406-466-5318

Meals will be provided by the Log Cabin Cafe

Dinner on April 1st	Lunch on April 2 nd
Mulligatawny Soup	Minestrone Soup
Pork Roast with stewed dried fruit	Three Cheese Lasagna with homemade
Salmon with dill	Italian sausage
Portabella Mushrooms (sliced and sauted)	Vegetarian Lasagna
Smashed Potato and Rutabegga	Salad of mixed greens
Local greenhouse-grown greens	Artisan Bread
Cucumber Salad	Dessert
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Each meal has a vegetarian option. Please let us know if you have any food allergies (ie. gluten, dairy or egg) and we'll provide an allergy free dinner or lunch...made just for you.

To register for the conference, please contact Corlene Martin at 406.466.5784 or corlene@3rivers.net.